



RESOLUTION No. 2014-43

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE WATER RIGHTS FOR DIVERSION, STORAGE, AND USE OF WATER OF THE BEAR RIVER

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District wishes to ensure the continued capacity of the District to meet its public service obligations and to improve the reliability of its water supply for the benefit of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Irrigation District (the "District") is a California Special District created to provide a safe, stable and reliable water supply to serve the residences, farms, businesses and industries within Nevada, Placer, and Yuba counties; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has entered its third consecutive year of drought and recent studies indicate that current climate conditions are changing, requiring our region to prepare for longer dry periods, shorter more intense rain events, reduced and less reliable snowpack; and

WHEREAS, the District's storage system has been designed and constructed to rely predominantly on snowpack for the bulk of its stored water supply, and the predicted reduction in snowpack coupled with increasing rain due to climate change requires the District to develop additional storage and diversion capacity in order to serve our community during times of shortage; and

WHEREAS, the District's current operational storage levels are insufficient to provide the necessary multiyear carryover needed to ensure the continued delivery of an adequate water supply through sustained drought events; and

WHEREAS, the watershed of the Bear River rises within Nevada County, flows through the lands served by the District, and the waters thereof are available for appropriation and are needed for the development of water supply needs of Nevada and Placer Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District does hereby authorize that application be made to the California State Water Resources Control Board for the rights necessary to construct diversion and storage facilities, and to divert, store, and use of appropriated and unappropriated water of the Bear River, including filing a petition for the assignment of available State filings on such River, to serve the needs of the counties in which said waters originate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager of the District is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute the necessary studies and agreements with the California State Water Resources Control Board and related Agencies and professionals in order to process said application and petition to completion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager of the District is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary reconnaissance studies to determine project feasibility which include but are not limited to preliminary design, financial feasibility, site surveys, hydrologic and geologic site suitability.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of August, 2014, by the following vote:

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| AYES: | Directors: Weber, Miller, Bachman, Wilcox, Drew |
| NOES: | Directors: None |
| ABSENT: | Directors: None |
| ABSTAINS: | Directors: None |



President of the Board of Directors

Attest:



Secretary to the Board of Directors